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SUBJECT: BEGIN "SILENT" AT GUSH EMUNIM CRITICISM: GUSH SETTLEMENT
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SUMMARY: BEGIN REITERATES THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE GOVERNMENT, NOT THE GUSH EMUNIM, TO DECIDE ON
NEW SETTLEMENTS. GUSH EMUNIM PAMPHLET PROVIDES INFORMATION ON ITS
PLANS FOR TWELVE NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN AN END-OF-YEAR INTERVIEW WITH IDF RADIO
SEPTEMBER 6 (FULL TEXT IN FBIS-TA 061805Y), PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN FIELDDED SEVERAL QUESTIONS REGARDING
REPORTS OF TENSION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE
GUSH EMUNIM OVER NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS (OTHER
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SUBJECTS HIGHLIGHTED BY SEPTTEL). ASKED FOR
REACTION TO GUSH CRITICISM AT THE GOVERNMENT'S SLOW
PACE OF SETTLEMENT, BEGIN RESPONDED THAT HE HAD MET
THE GUSH EMUNIM PEOPLE AT MAALE ADUMIM ON SEPTEMBER 4
(AT A GUSH-SPONSORED CONCERT UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
MRS. BEGIN--TEL AVIV 6552) BUT HE DID NOT MAKE A
SPEECH. "MY SILENCE," SAID BEGIN, "RECEIVED MORE

PUBLICITY THAN ALL MY SPEECHES." BEGIN WENT ON TO SAY THAT "WE (THE GOVERNMENT) WILL TAKE THE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS AT THE TIME WHEN WE, AS THE RESPONSIBLE BODY, THINK FIT." ASKED WHAT THE GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE WOULD BE IF THE GUSH EMUNIM SETTLEMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED WITHOUT WAITING FOR SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT DECISIONS, BEGIN REITERATED THE PRINCIPLE THAT EVERY JEW HAS A RIGHT TO SETTLE ANYWHERE IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL..."BUT WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT THERE ARE ALSO PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF SECURITY. AND THEREFORE I ASSUME THAT THE PIONEERS OF GUSH EMUNIM WILL ALSO WANT A GOVERNMENT DECISION." (COMMENT: NOW THAT GUSH EMUNIM IMPATIENCE HAS BECOME SOMETHING OF A PUBLIC ISSUE, BEGIN HAS GIVEN THEM A LESSON ON WHERE THE BUCK STOPS. HE HAS THROWN BACK TO THE GUSH EMUNIM LEADERSHIP THE PROBLEM OF KEEPING THEIR RANKS IN ORDER, AND WITH SOME SUCCESS APPARENTLY. DAVAR REPORTS SEPTEMBER 7 THAT GUSH LEADER HANAN PORAT IS TRYING TO PERSUADE HIS SETTLERS TO SHOW RESTRAINT FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.)

2. WE HAVE OBTAINED A GUSH EMUNIM PAMPHLET PROVIDING SOME DETAILS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT NUCLEI INTENDING TO MAN THEIR TWELVE NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS (INCLUDING YATTIR, THE ONLY ONE THUS FAR APPROVED BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT.). EMBASSY'S VERBATIM TRANSLATION (WITH SETTLEMENT NUMBERS IN PARENTHESES ADDED BY US) IS AS FOLLOWS.

3. BEGIN TEXT. LIST OF CORE GROUPS (GARINIM) SCHEDULED TO OCCUPY PROVISIONAL SITES BY THE BEGINNING OF THE JEWISH NEW YEAR.

(1) DOTAN-IN THE SNOR-ARAVA REGION. DOTAN CAMP OR SNOR POLICE STATION ARE SUGGESTED FOR A PROVISIONAL SITE. (THE POLICE STATION IS ABANDONED.) THE GAR'IN MEMBERS ARE MOSTLY RESIDENTS OF HAIFA AND AFULA, CONSISTING OF RELIGIOUS AND NON-RELIGIOUS FAMILIES INTERESTED IN JOINTLY ESTABLISHING A COMMUNAL-INDUSTRIAL SETTLEMENT. THE GAR'IN (CORE GROUP) TOTALS SOME 120 PEOPLE IN ALL, INCLUDING ABOUT 30 FAMILIES.

(2) SHOMRON- IN THE VICINITY OF THE TOWN OF SHOMRON (SAMARIA). A PROVISIONAL SITE COULD BE FOUND IN THE SHOMRON CAMP, OR NEAR THE OLD RAILWAY STATION. A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THE GAR'IN COME FROM NATHANYA AND SURROUNDINGS. MOST OF THE MEMBERS ARE RELIGIOUS. THE GROUP NUMBERS ABOUT 150 PERSONS, INCLUDING ABOUT 40 FAMILIES.

(3) TIRZAH- ON THE SHOULDER OF THE MOUNTAIN OVER-
LOOKING THE JORDAN BASIN, ON THE NABLUS-DAMYA BRIDGE
ROAD. MAHANE YOSEF (YOSEF CAMP) SUGGESTED FOR THE
PROVISIONAL SITE. THE GAR'IN WAS ORGANIZED BY THE
"EIN VERED" CIRCLE, WHICH IS LINKED TO GUSH
EMUNIM. IT NUMBERS ABOUT 150 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 47
FAMILIES. ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE RESIDENTS OF MOSHAVIM
(SMALLHOLDERS' COLLECTIVE VILLAGES) AND YOUNG
FAMILIES FROM THE CITIE, ANXIOUS TOMAKE USE OF THE
AGRICULTURAL POSSIBILITIES OF THE REGION. THE
MEMBERS OF THIS GAR'IN ARE NOT RELIGIOUS.

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(4) KARNEI SHOMRON - LYING BETWEEN PE'ERIM (MES'HA)
AND ELON MOREH, ON TWO HILLS OVERLOOKING THE QALQILYA-
NABLUS ROAD, ON WHICH THE JORDANIANS BUILT AN OUTPOST
DOMINATING THE COASTAL PLAIN. THE LAND HERE IS
GOVERNMENT-OWNED. THIS GAR'IN INCLUDES FAMILIES AND
SINGLE MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, NUMBERING
ABOUT 350 AND INCLUDING ABOUT 75 FAMILIES, MOSTLY
RELIGIOUS.

(5) TIMNAT HERES -STONY HILLS NEAR THE ROAD
DESTINED TO LINK THE PLAIN WITH THE JORDAN BASIN.

TWO GAR'INIM ARE SCHEDULED TO SETTLE HERE: ONE COMPOSED OF MILITARY INDUSTRIES WORKERS AND ONE OF IMMIGRANTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION, NUMBERING ABOUT 300 PERSONS INCLUDING SOME 70 FAMILIES. MOST PROBABLY THE PERMANENT SITE TO BE OCCUPIED BY THE MA'ARAV LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOMRON (WESTERN SAMARIA) GAR'IN, PROVISIONALLY SETTLED IN MES'HA, WILL ALSO BE ESTABLISHED IN THIS REGION.

(6) SHILOH -SITUATED NEAR THE SHILOH OF THE MIKRA (BIBLE), THE SPIRITUAL CENTER OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT DURING THE DAYS OF THE JUDGES. THIS GAR'IN CONTAINS RELIGIOUS FAMILIES FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, 70 YESHIVA STUDENTS FROM JERUSALEM, MOST OF THEM HAVING COMPLETED THEIR ARMY SERVICE, INTERESTED IN SETTLING IN SHILOH WITH THE GROUP. IN ADDITION, THE GAR'IN INCLUDES ANOTHER 80 OR SO MEMBERS, INCLUDING ABOUT 20 FAMILIES.

(7) NEBI ZALAH - ON THIS SITE THERE ARE LARGE TRACTS OF STATE-OWNED LAND, AS WELL AS A LARGE UNOCCUPIED BUILDING OWNED BY THE STATE. THE GAR'IN IS MADE UP OF TWO GROUPS, NON-RELIGIOUS AND RELIGIOUS, INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING TWO INDEPENDENT COMMUNITIES LINKED THROUGH SHARED SERVICES AND WITH ONE ADMINISTRATION. DURING THE PROVISIONAL STAGE THE TWO GROUPS WILL SETTLE AS ONE GAR'IN, NUMBERING ABOUT 300 PERSONS, INCLUDING ABOUT 100 FAMILIES.

(8) BEIT EL -SUGGESTION FOR THE PROVISIONAL SITE: ONE OF THE IDF CAMPS AT BEIT EL. THE GAR'IN IS MADE UP MAINLY OF FAMILIES FROM JERUSALEM--ABOUT 200 PEOPLE, INCLUDING ABOUT 50 FAMILIES. DURING THE FIRST STAGE MOST OF THE SETTLERS WILL BE WORKING IN JERUSALEM. THE BEIT EL SETTLEMENT WILL BE CLOSE TO OFRAH, WHICH HAS SO FAR BEEN AN ISOLATED SPOT IN THE REGION, AND THESE TWO SITES WILL FORM THE BEGINNING OF A BLOC OF SETTLEMENTS WHICH WILL BECOME THE NORTHERN BROTHER, AS IT WERE, OF THE ETZION BLOC, AS SEEN FROM GREATER JERUSALEM.

(9) BEIT HURON - PROPOSED PERMANENT SITE: JEBEL MUKHTAM. THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT PREPARED A DETAILED PROGRAM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR A SETTLEMENT ON THIS SITE. PROVISIONAL LOCATION: BEIT HURON BORDER POLICE CAMP. THE GAR'IN CONSISTS OF NON-RELIGIOUS AND RELIGIOUS FAMILIES, MAINLY FROM CENTRAL ISRAEL, NUMBERING ABOUT 300 PERSONS INCLUDING

ABOUT 75 FAMILIES.

(10) GIV'ON - THE PERMANENT SITE WAS PLANNED FOR SETTLEMENT BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. THE ABANDONED JORDANIAN CAMP AT THE FOOT OF GIV'ON IS SUGGESTED AS A PROVISIONAL LOCATION. (THE BUILDINGS AND THE LAND ARE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.) MEMBERS OF THE GAR'IN COME FROM JERUSALEM, MOSTLY NON-RELIGIOUS AND ABOUT 400 IN ALL, INCLUDING ABOUT 100 FAMILIES AND A LARGE GROUP OF RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS.

11. JERICHO - THE MOST SENIOR OF THE GUSH EMUNIM GAR'INIM, WHICH HAS NOT YET MANAGED TO FULFILL ITS AIMS. IT INCLUDES SINGLE MEMBERS AND FAMILIES FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY -- ABOUT 200 IN ALL, INCLUDING ABOUT 40 FAMILIES. THE MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURAL WORK AND TOURISM SERVICES IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF JERICHO AND ON THE NORTHERN SHORE OF THE DEAD SEA.

(12) LUCIFER (YATTIR) - AN AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT ON THE EDGE OF THE DESERT AND MOUNTAIN REGION, BETWEEN HEBRON AND ARAD. A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF THE GAR'IN MEMBERS ARE NEW AND 'OLD' IMMIGRANTS FROM THE U.S. THE GAR'IN TOTALS ABOUT 100 PERSONS, INCLUDING ABOUT 25 FAMILIES. THEY WILL OCCUPY THE OLD FORTRESS IN YATTIR PROVISIONALLY, AND SEE THE PERMANENT LOCATION FOR THEIR SETTLEMENT IN THE VICINITY OF LUCIFER POLICE STATION. THE SETTLEMENT AT YATTIR WAS APPROVED BY THE MINISTERIAL SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE, AND ITS MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED, JOINTLY WITH TWO WZO PEOPLE, IN PRACTICAL PREPARATIONS FOR SETTLING ON THE SITE.

IN ALL, THE GAR'INIM CONSIST OF CLOSE TO 2,500 PERSONS, THE DECISIVE MAJORITY BEING READY TO SETTLE IMMEDIATELY, UNDER MINIMAL PIONEERING CONDITIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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